



# AMERICAN GOVERNORS' BORDER STRIKE FORCE



DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

INCREASE COLLABORATION ACROSS STATE LINES

IMPROVE INTELLIGENCE

INVEST IN ANALYSIS

COMBAT HUMAN SMUGGLING

STOP DRUG FLOW



## The Problem

Dangerous transnational criminal organizations continue to profit from the border crisis, while continuing to flood our communities with drugs.

## The Solution

Partner with other states to create the American Governors' Border Strike Force, similar to the Arizona Border Strike Force, to share intelligence, strengthen analytical and cybersecurity efforts, and improve humanitarian efforts to protect children and families.



# BRIEF



THE **AMERICAN GOVERNORS' BORDER STRIKE  
FORCE** IS A PARTNERSHIP ACROSS STATE  
LINES TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED AT, PROTECTING OUR  
COMMUNITIES FROM RUTHLESS TRANSNATIONAL  
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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- The criminal networks are operating on social media to recruit drivers to smuggle people into the country.

**SOLUTION:** Partner with other states to create the American Governors' Border Strike Force, similar to the Arizona Border Strike Force, to share intelligence, strengthen analytical and cybersecurity efforts, and improve humanitarian efforts to protect children and families.

- The goal is to shift focus of the border crisis to target the dangerous transnational criminal organizations that are the biggest threat to public safety at both the state and local levels.
- Providing a force multiplier in the fight against criminal activity that is tied to the southern border — not just as individual states, but together to create a comprehensive program across the southern border to target drug trafficking, human smuggling and associated state crimes.
- Provide significant opportunities to improve collaboration across state lines by:
  - Improving intelligence sharing and analysis of state level crimes that may be connected to border security;
  - Monitoring cybersecurity issues that may increase vulnerability along the southern border;
  - Targeting cartel finances that fund criminal activity in the border regions; and
  - Coordinating and improving interdiction on interstates to combat drug trafficking and human smuggling.



- Other states can assist border states by supplementing staff and resources to state fusion centers in border states who share information obtained both on the border and in other states.
- Partners should not be limited to just border states, but any state across the country that will partner at the fusion center level or other collaborative opportunities.
  - Partner states would send intelligence analysts to serve on rotation assignments at the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) to be force multipliers when it comes to intelligence and analysis.
  - Intelligence analysts would co-locate in border states to improve collaboration and real time response.
  - Law enforcement from partner states would train in border states to get an understanding of the issues and things to look for in their states that can help curb border-related crime.
- The opportunity to partner at the fusion center level to disrupt and dismantle cartel operations becomes a force multiplier in the border region.
- Given staffing and manpower challenges, we need to work smarter together which will lead to the disruption of cartel operations.





- Seizing the tools used to assist the cartels will result in a shift in their business model because it increases the cost of doing business not just in the border states but also throughout the country.
- By disrupting the criminal networks, we will help improve the humanitarian crisis by protecting victims of horrific crimes, improving public safety in our communities and providing solutions to the failure of the federal government.





# STATISTICS, FACTS & FIGURES





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